

**REMARKS**

Entry of this Amendment, and reconsideration and allowance, as amended, is respectfully requested.

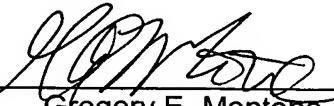
This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated June 6, 2005. Appreciation is expressed to the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-16 and 22-26 and for the indication of allowable subject matter in claim 21.

By the present Amendment, claim 17 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 21. Accordingly, in light of the indication of allowable subject matter if claim 21 was rewritten in newly dependent form to incorporate all of the subject matter of claim 17, reconsideration and allowance of the amended claim 17 is respectfully requested (noting that claim 17 now corresponds to claim 21 rewritten into independent form inasmuch as it includes all limitations of both claims 17 and 21). Also, reconsideration and allowance of dependent claims 18-20, dependent upon amended claim 17, is also respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Docket No.500.43534X00) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,  
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